

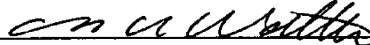
Remarks

The above claim amendments are presented in order to remove multiple claim dependency, so as to reduce the required filing fee.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

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7. The medicine packing apparatus as in Claim 5 [or 6], wherein one of the arms of the gripping means has a press surface and wherein the moving means turns the gripping means so that the press portion presses the medicine package belt bound in the binding position to discharge it.

